

SECTION 1.2.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

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CHAPTER 1.2.1.

NOTIFICATIONS AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL  
INFORMATION

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Article 1.2.1.2.

1. Countries shall make available to other countries, through the OIE, whatever information is necessary to minimise the spread of important aquatic animal *diseases* and their aetiological agents and to assist in achieving better world-wide control of these *diseases*.
  2. To achieve this, countries shall comply with the reporting requirements specified in Article 1.2.1.3.
  3. To assist in the clear and concise exchange of information, reports shall conform as closely as possible to the format given in Animal Health Status Reports 1 to 3.
  4. Recognising that scientific knowledge concerning the relationship between *disease agents* and *diseases* is constantly evolving and that the presence of an infectious agent does not necessarily imply the presence of a *disease*, countries shall ensure through their reports that they comply with the spirit and intention of paragraph 1 above. This means that the presence of an infectious agent, even in the absence of clinical *disease*, should be reported.
  5. In addition to *notifying* new findings in accordance with Article 1.2.1.3, countries shall also provide information on the measures taken to prevent the spread of *diseases*, including possible quarantine measures and restrictions on the movement of *aquatic animals*, *aquatic animal products*, *biological products* and other miscellaneous objects that could by their nature be responsible for transmission of *disease*.
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